

# BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

## WHO Will Be Elected President of the United States at the Coming Election?

### HOW MANY VOTES WILL HE GET?

### The West Virginian Proposes to Give the Best Guessers Some Liberal Prizes.

## HERE IS THE PLAN:

We will give to our Patrons and Subscribers **\$250.00 IN GOLD**

on the following conditions:

To the person estimating the exact number, or the nearest the exact number of votes cast for the winner in the Presidential contest, we will give \$100.00 in gold.

To the person guessing the next nearest number, \$50.00 in gold.

To the third nearest guesses, \$25.00 in gold.

To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.

To the five next nearest, each \$5.00 in gold.

The thirteen people in this case will be the lucky ones.

### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess.
2. Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess.
3. Any person paying in advance for one year will be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess.
4. Any person securing two subscribers for three months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled to one guess, or additional guesses in the same proportion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in. The person securing the subscription will be entitled to guess and the persons subscribing will also be entitled to guesses.

### TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,  
Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.  
Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.

In 1896,  
William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.

In 1900,  
William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

The guess or guesses of each individual will be kept secret. Who will be the first to record his guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday, July 6. Some one will get first prize, why not you?

## A CARD

FROM THE REPUBLICAN STATE LEADERS.

To the Voters of West Virginia:

The undersigned desire earnestly to call the attention of the people of this State to the fact that the principal aim of the enemies of "tax reform" is to defeat Hon. W. M. O. Dawson, the Republican nominee for governor. His defeat will be interpreted as a fatal defeat of the movement for a better and juster system of taxation. To accomplish Mr. Dawson's defeat the Democratic managers are industriously seeking to convey the impression that Mr. Dawson has "shifted his ground," that he has changed his position on the taxation question since his nomination, and has sold out to the corporations. These same Democratic managers are spreading throughout the State, by printed matter and by hired agents, the most shameful misrepresentations of the new tax laws enacted by the late special session of the Legislature.

The undersigned earnestly urge upon every taxpayer of the State who favors reformation of our laws concerning taxation to uphold these laws and to rally to the support of Mr. Dawson. Do not be deceived. These laws are in the interest of the whole body of the people.

Mr. Dawson, by his long service in public life, is eminently fitted to discharge the duties of the governor's office. He is honest, sincere, well equipped, conservative and just. He will treat every citizen and interest justly. His defeat would be a crushing blow to the cause of honest and just taxation.

G. W. ATKINSON,  
A. B. WHITE,  
W. P. HUBBARD,  
GEO. A. LAUGHLIN,  
GEO. C. STURGISS,  
W. N. MILLER,  
J. K. THOMPSON,  
D. E. ABBOTT,  
L. J. WILLIAMS,  
J. SCHWABE,  
C. W. DILLON,  
ENOCH CARDER,  
E. J. HUMPHREY,  
GEO. F. EVANS,  
J. A. LENHART,  
J. W. FLYNN,  
J. S. DARST,  
J. L. McLEAN,  
A. J. HORAN,  
E. H. FLYNN,  
A. McCULLOCH,  
J. A. EWART,  
J. B. GARVIN,  
J. O. THOMPSON,  
B. S. POPE,  
WALTER HOLLE,  
P. W. MORRIS,  
C. E. HAWORTH.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Very Low Rate Sunday Excursion Tickets On Sale May 15.

Effective May 15 and continuing every Sunday thereafter until further notice, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will place on sale excursion tickets between stations of Wheeling and Grafton, good going East bound on regular train No. 72, leaving Fairmont at 10:52 A. M., and returning on regular trains No. 71-55, leaving Grafton 12:40 noon, and 6:50 P. M.; and good going West bound on regular train No. 5, leaving Fairmont at 7:47 A. M., and returning on regular train No. 4, leaving Wheeling at 5:00 P. M. For tickets and full information, call on ticket agent.

T. B. HENDERSON.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Cheap Excursions to the St. Louis World's Fair, Every Wednesday In October and November. Only \$13.00 Round Trip From Fairmont.

Tickets will be good going in coaches only on Specified Trains.

Returning, tickets will be good in coaches only on all regular trains, leaving St. Louis not later than ten days, including date of sale.

Call on Ticket Agent for time of train and full information.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Marion Silas Stone Company of the city of Fairmont, will be held at its offices, Nos. 1 and 2 Cunningham building, Fairmont, West Virginia, on Wednesday the 26th day of October, 1904, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that might come before the meeting.

HOWARD W. SHOWALTER, Secretary.

'Tis the grand shoe of to-day—W. L. Douglass. C. B. Highland. x  
Every curve speaks modish elegance. Dorothy Dodd shoes for women. C. B. Highland. x

I have some good lots in two squares of Court-house for sale at \$375.00. H. H. Lanham. x

### ODIOUS COMPARISONS.

Judge Parker, in the few words with which he has favored the American people, set before us the two administrations of Mr. Cleveland—all he had of that kind—as samples of good government in all respects, and especially in economy and wise handling of the people's money. Let us take the standard they have set up for us, and see how the model government will look:

The average yearly expense of running the government during Mr. Cleveland's first term was \$57,574,052. This is \$39,000,000 more than the cost of the twelve years of John Quincy Adams and Jackson's administrations. The average yearly cost of Mr. Cleveland's second term was \$54,544,495, a sum greater by \$90,000,000 than that of Buchanan's entire term of four years; and only \$41,000,000 less than that of the eight years of the Taylor, Fillmore and Pierce administrations.

Let us now look at these two model administrations from another point of view. This will throw new light upon "Republican Extravagance."

The average yearly cost of Mr. Cleveland's first term was not less than that of the Garfield-Arthur administration just before it, but between one and two per cent. more; but the yearly average of Mr. Cleveland's second term was 14 per cent. more than that of the preceding Harrison administration. This increase is explained by the fact that the Senate was against him in the first term and with him in the second.

Comparisons may be odious, but here's another: Compare two administrations with an interval of four years between them, Cleveland's second term and the three years of the Roosevelt administration, with the two Cleveland administrations separated by the same interval. Mr. Cleveland's second term averages 12 per cent. more than his first, while the yearly average of Mr. Roosevelt's three years is only 36 per cent. more than that of Mr. Cleveland's second term. This favorable showing is made in spite of the added cost to the Rural Free Delivery introduced since 1896 and the Panama payments.

This Nation is growing. The people are spending more money on the houses they live in; on the education of their children; on books and everything that an increased civilization brings. There is room still on the earth for those who do not like civilized life, but it will all be taken up very soon.

### PARKER AS A STATISTICAL JUGGLER.

The statement that Judge Parker is contemplating a legal alliance with Sheehan, Hill, McCarron and Company after November 8th, must be somewhat premature. It has leaked out during the past few days that the Judge has other ambitions; he has stumbled upon a vocation in which he believes he will be a huge success. Up to this time, no one has disputed the fact that Edward Atkinson has been the most perfect juggler of figures in the United States; but Edward Atkinson for a long time has been ready to abdicate his position as soon as a fit successor could be found. He has now decided to confer the title upon Alton B. Parker and already the Judge in his practice has shown himself a most worthy successor. The figures which he has given out concerning our expenditures on account of the Philippines and concerning the men who have been sacrificed there, show him to be quite capable of distorting figures even as has Atkinson for the past half century. A man who can find 200,000 dead soldiers upon the fields out of a total of only 126,000 who entered the conflict, should be able to put up almost any kind of a table of figures to suit the most rampant mugwump and free trader in the land. A man who can find some \$400,000,000 of expenditures out of actual disbursements of only three or four millions, should certainly never be at a loss for a job as a most worthy successor to Mr. Atkinson. Judge Parker has shown his ability in this line to be up to the highest requirements and his friends should encourage him by all means to follow in the steps of the greatest fabricator of statistics this country has ever yet known.

### JUDGE PARKER ON WAGES.

"I think that a dollar a day is enough for any man, provided that his work is steady. Any man can live on that, and that is all unskilled labor is worth. I am sorry to have to pay more than that, and wouldn't if we had a better supply of labor hereabouts.—Candidate Parker two years ago.

### Muscular Beauty Goods.

The stage presented a pretty scene. In the first row were the graduates, 10 young girls dressed in white, each carrying a large bunch of carnations and one young man—Huntington Herald.

Ease and comfort combined in the Dorothy Dodd shoe for women. C. B. Highland. x

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Strictly vegetable, perfectly harmless, sure to accomplish DESIRED RESULTS. Greatest known female remedy. Price, \$1.50 per bottle.

CAUTION Beware of counterfeits and imitations. The genuine is put up only in paste-board containers with fac-simile signature on side of the bottle, thus: *Dr. Lyon*. Send for Circular to WILLIAMS MFG. CO., Sole Agents, Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by M. D. Christie.

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### PILES! PILES! PILES!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding, Ulcerated and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for Piles and Itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is guaranteed. Sold by druggists, sent by mail, for 50c. and \$1.00 per box. WILLIAMS MFG. CO., Prop'r, Cleveland, Ohio.

Some nice lots on Hamilton Hill for sale, at a good bargain. H. H. Lanham. x

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

To the World's Fair—Very Low Rates.

Various forms of excursion tickets to St. Louis, via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad not on sale from Fairmont as follows:

SEASON TICKETS, good to return until December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at the rate of \$26.60 round trip.

SIXTY DAY Excursion Tickets, final limit not later than December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$22.10 round trip.

FIFTEEN DAY Excursion tickets, to be sold daily at rate of \$18.60 round trip.

VARIABLE ROUTE EXCURSION tickets, either season or sixty day, will be sold going via one direct route and returning via another direct route, full information concerning which can be obtained from Ticket Agent.

STOP-OVERS not exceeding ten days at each point will be allowed at Washington, Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park, Oakland, Mitchell, Ind. (for French Lick and West Baden Springs), Cincinnati and Chicago within return limit, upon notice to conductor and deposit of ticket with Depot Ticket Agent immediately upon arrival.

STOP-OVERS not exceeding ten days will be allowed at St. Louis on all one-way (except Colonists' Tickets) to the Pacific Coast, and round trip tickets reading to points beyond St. Louis, upon deposit of ticket with Validating Agent and payment of fee of \$1.00.

Three solid vestibuled trains are run daily from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington via Parkersburg and Cincinnati to St. Louis.

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For illustrated folder, time table and full information, call at Ticket Office, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

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If so, of course you will want one of your home papers to follow you. Why not the West Virginian?

It's the best, and of course you want the best, and it will only cost you a few cents per week mailed to any address in the United States.

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If you once "get the habit," you will always buy your furniture from the Fairmont Furniture Co. Opposite postoffice.